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Ms. Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station, 2nd Floor
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

RE: Commonwealth Electric Company, D.T.E. 03-69

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

For the reasons set forth below, the Attorney General provides notice of his intent not to file a brief in connection with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy's ("Department") consideration of the petition filed by the Commonwealth Electric Company, d/b/a NSTAR Electric ("NSTAR" or "Company") seeking approval of the divestiture of the Company's former headquarters at 2421 Cranberry Highway in Wareham, Massachusetts ("Wareham property").

On July 9, 2003, the Company filed its request to sell the Wareham property to W/S Development Associates, LLC pursuant to the Company's Restructuring Plan, as approved by the Department in D.P.U./D.T.E. 97-111, and the Electric Restructuring Act of 1997 (the "Act"). The Wareham property consists of a vacant office building with approximately 119,000 square feet on approximately 48 acres of land. The proposed sale price is \$7.5 million. The closing date is expected to be no earlier than June 2005 because of a lengthy permitting period during which W/S Development is expected to obtain all necessary permits.

Based upon a review of the record evidence relevant to the issues before the Department, the Attorney General has not identified any issues which require comment and so will not submit an initial brief. The Attorney General reserves the right to file a reply brief upon review of the initial briefs of the other parties.

Sincerely,

Colleen McConnell
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